

# IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOME TO BE SAVED

## Text: Matthew 19:16-26

**INTRODUCTION:** I believe that the Bible will show us that it is impossible for some people to be saved. There are certain people for whom it is an impossibility for them to be saved. Before you rise up in arms and call me a Hyper-Calvinist let us look at what the scripture has to say . . .

The Word of God will show us different kinds of folks who are trusting in things beginning with the letter "R" for salvation. They will not be saved because they aren't coming to God the Bible way – through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

### **I. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE KINDS OF FOLK TO BE SAVED IF . . .**

#### **A. They put their trust in RICHES!**

1. Psalm 52:5-7
2. God says that there is no hope for those who put their trust in riches and the things of this earth.
3. God says that you can't buy your way to heaven!
4. There is one person you can't buy – God.
5. Proverbs 11:4 *"Riches profit not in the day of wrath . . ."*
6. Mark 8:36, 37
7. Luke 12:16-19 Many folks today believe that if they can just find financial security everything will be o.k. You might be able to buy security in this life but you will not be able to buy security in the life to come. Notice vs. 20-21.
8. Look at Jesus speaking about the rich in Matthew 19:23, 24.
  - a. Bible scholars will say the eye of the needle was a gate inside the city of Jerusalem.
  - b. It was a very small gate. To get a camel through you would have to take all the packs off, drive it to its knees and get it to crawl on its knees through the gate.
  - c. Further study will show that this gate did not exist when Jesus spoke those words.
  - d. He was referring to a sewing needle.

#### **B. If they put their faith and trust in RANK!**

1. Many people today will say "Look at the position I hold, look at how important I am."
2. People say "hello" to me, they give me the front of the line, they step aside for me, they give me the best table, etc.
3. "I am impressive, look at my record, look at the things I have done, look at what I have accomplished," people say.

4. Romans 2:11 *"For there is no respect of persons with God."*
5. God is not impressed with your social record, the rank you have obtained, the wealth you have accumulated, the degrees you have behind your name, etc.
6. God knows how sinful we all are!
  - a. Ecclesiastes 7:20 *"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not."*
  - b. Romans 3:23
  - c. Romans 5:12
  - d. Galatians 3:22 *"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin..."*
7. Colossians 3:11 There isn't any division or rank in the family of God.
8. Jonah was sent to preach to Nineveh – he preached to everyone from the great king to the lowest pauper.
9. The Apostle Paul preached to:
  - a. A jailer – Acts 16:25-32.
  - b. A synagogue ruler – Acts 18:8.
  - c. A deputy – Acts 13:12.
  - d. Two governors (Felix & Festus) – Acts 24 & 25.
  - e. A King (King Agrippa) – Acts 26.
10. You see, it matters not the rank or station in life, we all need to be saved!

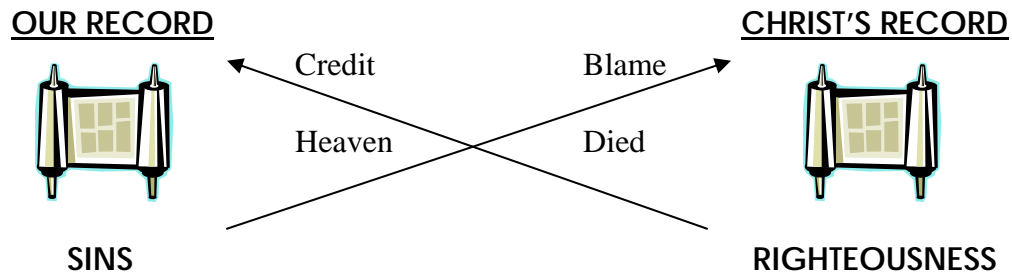
**C. If they put their faith and trust in their RELATIVES!**

1. Many people today, when asked if they have been born again, will respond "My mom & dad are Christians, my uncle is a preacher. Grandpa and grandma have gone to church all their lives."
2. "My great-grandfather sat in this pew, my great-grandma sat in this pew, my grandfather & grandmother sat in this pew, my father sat in this pew – my mother sat in this pew and I sit in this pew!" All I have to say to that is – Pew, Pew, Pew!
3. Relatives have nothing to do with whether or not you enter heaven.
4. What blood line you come from here on earth has nothing to do with whether or not you will get to heaven!
5. John 1:12, 13.
6. God doesn't have grand-children – He just has children!
7. John 3:3, 5. It's not whether you have been born in a certain earthly family that is important. What is important is whether or not you have been born again!
8. If you have been born once – you will die twice.  
If you have been born twice – you will only die once and maybe not even that because Jesus could rapture you out before death!

**D. If they put their faith and trust in their RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

1. "Look at all we are doing for God" many people are saying today, including some television evangelists.
2. A person who stands in their own righteousness will stand in their sin.

3. Notice Isaiah 64:6.
4. Notice Ephesians 2:8, 9 and Titus 3:5.
5. See Galatians 2:16.
6. II Timothy 1:9 *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began..."*



7. You can go to your dying day believing your own good works will get you to heaven, (like many denominations teach today) and you will open your eyes in hell (Matthew 7:21-23)!

**E. If they put their faith and trust in RELIGION!**

1. Religion is a curse in our country today.
2. We are a religious nation, that is why folks don't like folks don't like for a Bible – believing Christian to tell them that we are all sinners, we are not good enough in ourselves to get to Heaven – we need the only Savior, Jesus Christ.
3. Religion won't get anyone to heaven!
4. Acts 26:4, 5
5. See Philippians 3:5-8.
6. The fact is today, we need to quit trying to get to heaven through our own religion and come to Jesus as we are, trusting in Him and Him alone to save us!

**CONCLUSION:** Will you come and be saved today (II Corinthians 6:2)? Christian, who are you praying for that needs to trust Jesus Christ for Salvation?

